*Substitute Resolution #2:*

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the New Jersey Synod in assembly stand in solidarity with and echo the calls of the Patriarchs and Heads of the Churches in Jerusalem, which includes the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Conference of Bishops for the sake of those affected by the hostilities in the Holy Land. And be it further,

**RESOLVED** that the New Jersey Synod identify places and moments of solidarity with our neighbors living in the Holy Land and share resources widely to encourage support among churches, including, but not limited to: contacting governmental representatives, financial support of Lutheran Disaster Response (specifically designating it for the Middle East Crisis), and by engaging with resources from Sumud, the ELCA’s new name for our church’s engagement in accompaniment, awareness-building and advocacy for justice in Palestine and Israel.

*The original “THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED” may be found here for comparison:*

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the New Jersey Synod in assembly stand in solidarity with those affected by the hostilities in the Holy Land calling for a ceasefire. And be it further, ….